

FREE!**Friday Morning**

ANIME EXPOSURES

The Official ANIME EXPO 2000 Newsletter

- **Opening Ceremonies** 10a
- **Takada Akemi** 1p
- **Keiji Gotoh** 2:30p
- **Escaflowne Movie** 2:30p
- **Ikuhara/Saito** 5:30p

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AnimeExpo Continues to Break Records

An AX First - Fast Lines

Bigger, Better, Longer, and more efficient than ever, AX2000 begins. An anticipated crowd of 10,000 fans from around the world will soon converge into the Disneyland Hotel to make this the biggest anime convention in the US. Seventeen guests of honor are visiting (up from 14 last year) and can be found this morning at the opening ceremonies. An incredible 160 (and a little more) dealers will be setting up their goods in the dealers room (up from 141 last year).

Our new site at the Disneyland Hotel offers bigger rooms for the programs and more space for anime fans to wander inside. The site has also curiously

placed the biggest Japanese animation convention inside on the Magical Kingdom of Disney Animation. And what really sets this year apart from the past conventions are the new additions: an Arcade (including Dance Revolution III), an extension of the convention's duration to four days, more movies, more panels, more signings – in other words AX2000 is bringing you more anime. One of today's big events is the Escaflowne movie showing at 2:30 pm. This event has been long awaited since the last Anime Expo convention (AX99) and it is expected to draw large crowds of anxious fans.

Expedient pre-registration of 2,112 guests occurred in record breaking time at a rate a 350 pre-reg fans processed each hour (with a registration staff of about twelve members). Although registration had opened their doors an hour late they more than made up for their delay with the awesome efficiency of the new system they now use – registration lines have apparently become a part of AX history after what was seen yesterday. In fact the only pictures we could take at the pre-registration site were of empty lines!

- Robert Lobbia

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

-- Secret Guest at Escaflowne Movie Premiere?

A secret unannounced guest may appear at the Escaflowne Movie Panel today at 2:30 p.m. at the Film Room (pending schedule changes). More information will be available at this discussion before the **English-subtitled** Escaflowne Movie premiere.

-- The Art Show / Modeling Contest and the Takada Akemi Exhibit

are no longer located in the Garden Room of the Bonita Tower as indicated in the Program Guide. Both exhibits have moved to a new location in the Pacific and Balboa rooms of the Sierra Tower.

-- **Console Gaming has been moved** to the Mediterranean room on the 2nd floor of the Pacific Hotel.

GUESTS OF HONOR

Directors

Kazuki Akane

Works include: *The Vision of Escaflowne* TV series; the movie *Escaflowne: A Girl in Gaia*; *Macross Dynamite 7* TV series; and *Gundam 0083: Stardust Memory* OVAs. Appears on Sunday, July 2nd, at 6:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Hirotsugu Kawasaki

Directorial debut: *Spriggan*. Animator: *Akira*. Character designs: *Memories*. Appears on Sunday, July 2nd, at 10:00 AM (Live Program 1).

Kunihiko Ikuhara

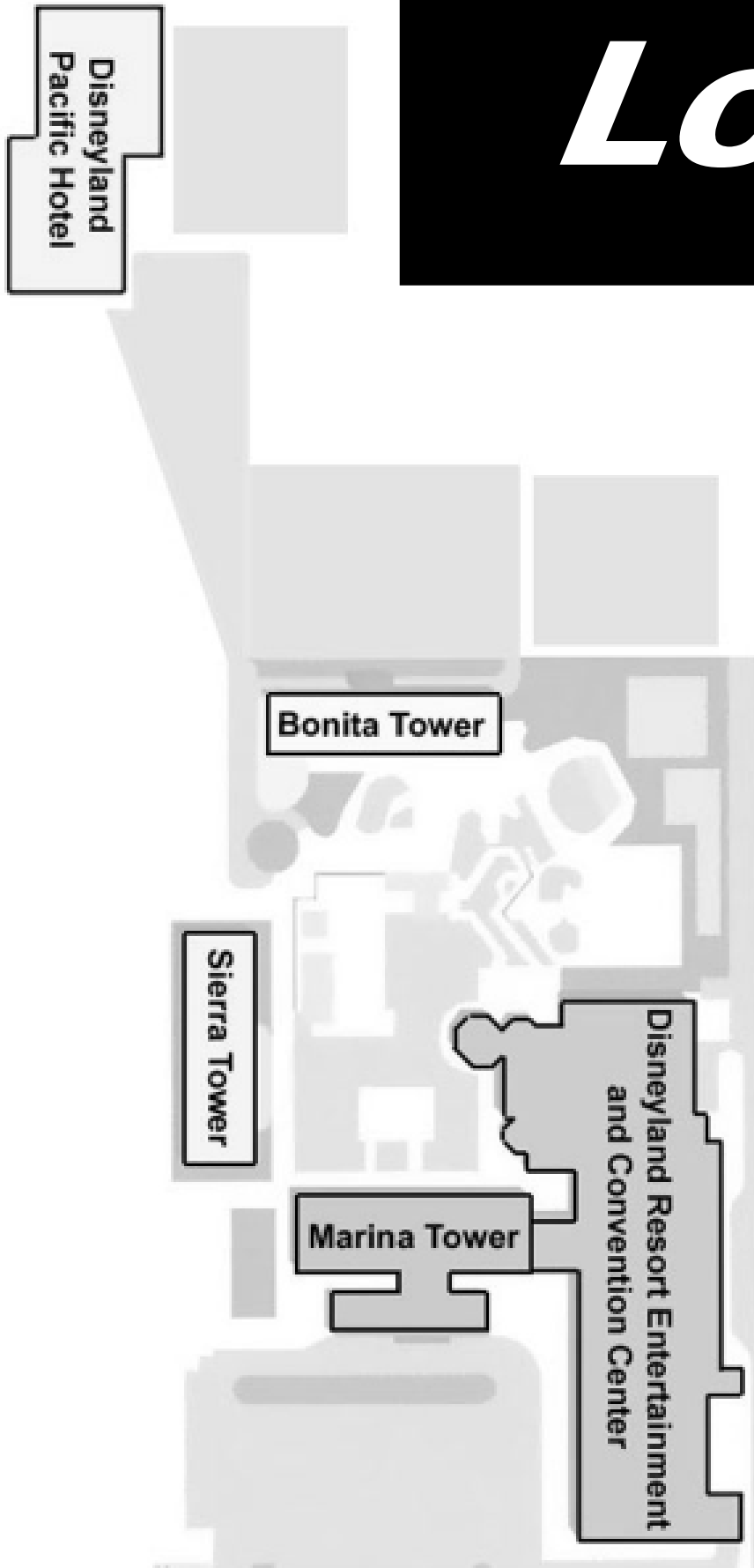
Works include: *Sailor Moon*; *Revolutionary Girl Utena*; *Utena Movie Revelation of Adolescence*. Current project: *Schell Bullet*. Appears with Chiho Saito on Friday, June 30th, at 5:30 PM (Live Program 1).

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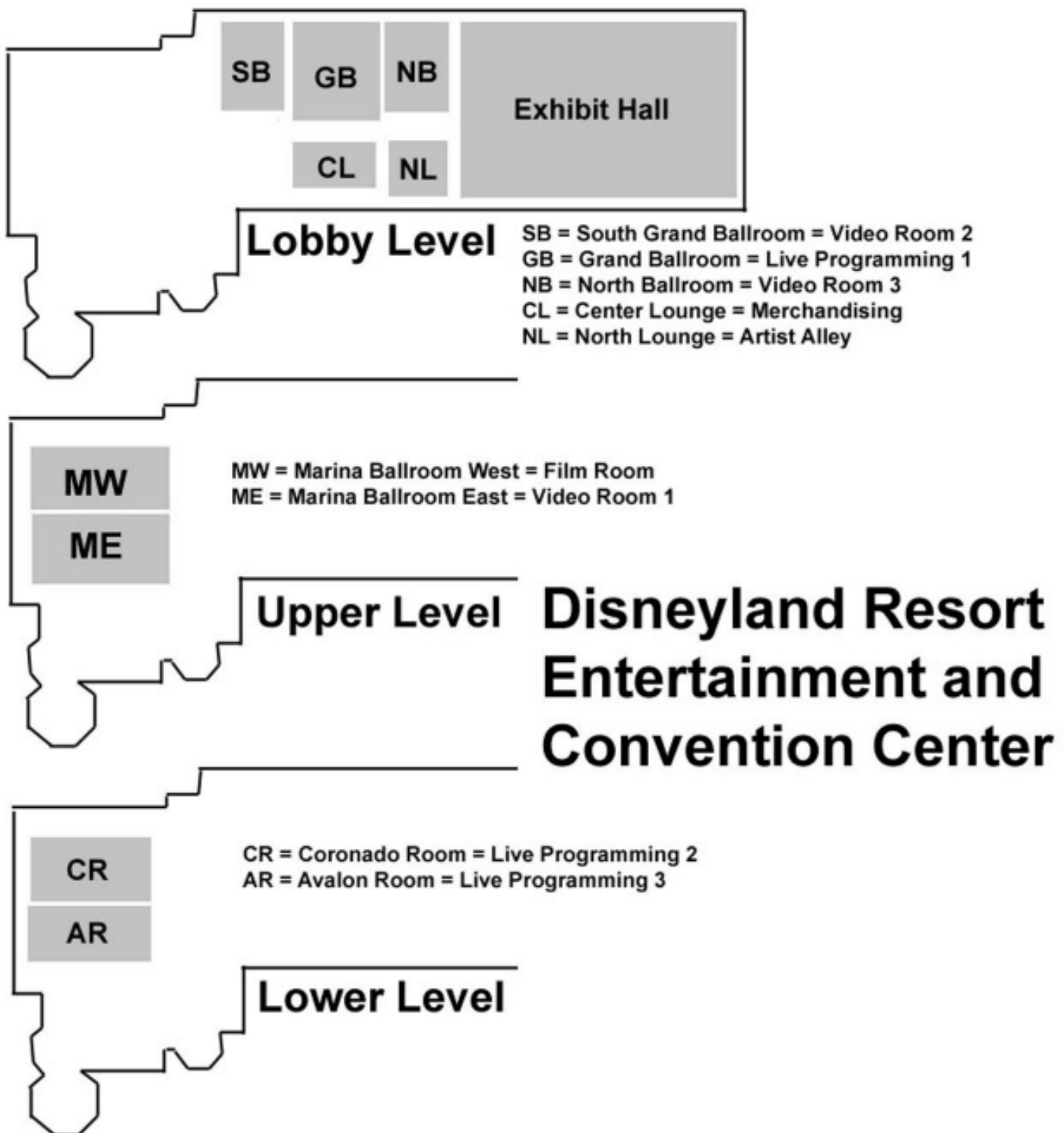
Lost?

Even the most seasoned AX veterans may feel a bit lost this year with our new, more spaced-out layout.

These maps, which are also found in the programming guide (you know, that shiny, glossy, colorful booklet in your registration packet?) could help make the difference between wasting time waiting in line and wasting time looking for the right line (and the right location).



Remember that Anime Expo also has this lovely thing called the **Information Booth**, which is located near the Exhibit Hall (aka the Dealer's Room)



EXPOSED!

What do you think of AX2000 being at the Disneyland Hotel?



"It's disorganized, wide, and too spread out. The Hilton is better."

Dan Brychka



"It's a situation ripe for a paradox."

**Blair
"Gato" Heald**



"There are so many swimming pools you need a bloody gondola to get around."

Ted Ekerling



"It's not far from work. I'm a cast member."

Ray Francisco



"I don't like it. Disney is EVIL. Disney is dumbing down America."

**Chris "Kaneda"
Scalissi**

Mahiro Maeda

Director: *Blue Submarine No. 6*. Worked on: *Macross*, *Do You Remember Love?*; *Robot Carnival*; *Wings of Honneamise*; *Laputa*; *Gunbuster*; *Nadia*; *Only Yesterday*; *Porco Rosso*; and *Giant Robo*. Monster Designer: *Evangelion*, *Gamera I-III*; and *Ultraman Powered*. Video Games: *Gatekeepers*; *Bounty Sword*; and *Lunar Silver Star Story*. Most Recent Work: mecha design of Mahiro from *Turn-A-Gundam*. Appears on Saturday, July 1st, at 4:00 PM (Autographs) and on Sunday, July 2nd, at Noon.

Character Designers

Takada Akemi

Works include: *Creami Mami*; *Fancy Lala*; *Kimagure Orange Road*; and *Patlabor*. Appears Friday, June 30th at 1:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Keiji Gotoh

Works include: *Those Who Hunt Elves* (I and II); *Bakuretsu Hunter* (*Sorcerer Hunters*); *Hyper Police*; and *Martian Successor Nadesico* (both TV series and Movie). Most Recent Work: *Gatekeepers*. Video Games: *Double Cast*. Appears Friday, June 30th at 2:30 PM (Live Program 1).

Junichi Hayama

Works include: *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure*; *Fist of the North Star*; *Be-Bop High School*; and *King of the Desert Gandalla*. Most Recent Work: *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure* OVAs. Appears on Sunday, July 2nd, at 4:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Kazuto Nakazawa

Works include: *El Hazard* OVAs; *Sore Yuke Yamamoto*; *Yohko* OVAs; *Landlock*; and *Tenchi in Tokyo*. Video Games: *Present Play*. Animation Director: *Oishinbo*; and *Moldiver*. Co-Director: *Fatal Fury Motion Picture*. Most Recent Work: *Black Heaven*. Appears on Friday, June 30th, at 4:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Takuhito Kusanagi

Works include: *Blue Submarine No. 6* OVAs (Beasts). Manga: *Shanghai Kaijinzoku*. Video Games: *Grandia*. Appears on Sunday, July 2nd, at 11:00 AM (Autographs).

Yutaka Minowa

Works include: *Outlaw Star*; *Angel Links*; Animator: *Escaflowne: A Girl in Gaia*. Most Recent Work: *Vampire Hunter D* movie. Appears on Sunday, July 2nd, at 11:30 AM (Live Program 1).

Range Murata

Works include: *Blue Submarine No. 6*. Appears with Junichi Hayama on Sunday, July 2nd, at 2:00 PM (Autographs).

Manga Artists

Yu Watase

Works include: *Fushigi Yugi* and *Ayashi no Ceres*. Appears on Saturday, July 1st, at 10:00AM (Live Program 1).

Yasuhiro Nightow

Works include: *Trigun*; *CALL XXXX*; *Samurai Spirits*. Appears on Saturday, July 1st, at 1:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Chiho Saito

Works include: *Revolutionary Girl Utena*. Appears with Kunihiko Ikuhara on Friday, June 30th, at 5:30 PM (Live Program 1).

Screenwriters

Aya Matsui

Works include: *Marmalade Boy*; *Dragon Ball Z*; *Tico of the Seven Seas*; *Gatekeepers*; *Magical Taruruto-kun*; *Gokinjo Monogatari*; *GS Mikami*; *Eat-Man*. Appears with Hideki Mitsui on Sunday, July 2nd, at 1:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Hideki Mitsui

Works include: *Redhood Chacha*; *Magic Circle Guru-Guru*; *All-Purpose Cultrual Cat-Girl Nuku-Nuku*; *Tico of the Seven Seas*; *Tenchi in Tokyo*; *Future Boy Conan II*; *Taiga Adventure*; *Lupin III*; *Secret of Twilight Gemini*. Most Recent Works: *The new Sol Bianca*; and *Gatekeepers*. Appears with Aya Matsui on Sunday, July 2nd, at 1:00 PM (Live Program 1).

Voice Actor

Rica Fukami

Some works include: *Sailor Moon*; *Macross Plus*, *V Gund*; and *Prefectural Earth Defense Force*. Most Recent Work: *Jojo's Bizarre Adventure* OVAs. Appears Sunday, July 2nd, 2:30 PM (Live Program 1).

FRIDAY LIVE PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE!

Friday

Live Program 1 (Grand Ballroom)

10:00a	Opening Ceremonies
11:00	Opening Ceremonies
12:00p	
1:00	Takada Akemi
2:00	Keiji Gotoh (2:30)
3:00	Keiji Gotoh
4:00	Kazuto Nakazawa
5:00	Ikuhara/Saito (5:30)
6:00	Ikuhara/Saito

Live Program 2 (Coronado)

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Warner Bros.
Global A Entertainment
Game Show #1
Game Show #1
Maison Ikkoku
EX: Online Magazine
Cosplay Make-up

Live Program 3 (Avalon)

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Karaoke Preliminaries
Karaoke Preliminaries
Karaoke Preliminaries
Karaoke Preliminaries
Shitajiki
Shitajiki
Anime Clubs

Gaming (Pacific)

Signups begin
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Dead or Alive 2
Dead or Alive 2
Dead or Alive 2
Elemental Gearbolt
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